



"Always be prepared to give an answer." - 1 Peter 3:15

Worship Schedule:

- Sunday, June 4th @ 10:00 (Graduation Sunday)

Thank you: As our school year comes to an end this week, I want to take an opportunity to say thank you to those who helped this school year. Thank you to the kids for their hard work and effort both in the classroom and in their extra-curriculars throughout the year. Thank you to the parents for making Christian education a priority in your child's life, the sacrifices you have made to make that happen, and the volunteering that was done throughout the school year. Thank you to our secretaries for volunteering their time and their hard work in helping our school. Thank you to the many volunteers who gave their time to help our kids and school. Thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the school year. I pray God's blessings on everyone's summers and look forward to seeing you back for next school year!

Graduation Sunday: Sunday, June 4th is Bethel Graduation Sunday. During the 10:00 AM service, our 8th graders will graduate from BLS. All other graduates of our congregation will also be recognized. If you have a graduate in your family, please fill out the special form used for this purpose and return it to me right away. Forms were placed in your church mailbox or are available in the school office. Graduating from BLS are:

Chloe Crites
Robby Raushi
Olivia Rouech
Lillianna Szostek
Logan Zube

MALL Track Meet: Our annual MALL track meet at Garber High School was held last Friday. Thank you to all the kids for their hard work in preparing for the track meet. I am happy to report that we won the track meet with an overall score of 303 points! The last time Bethel won the track meet was 1986. Congratulations to our track athletes on a fantastic performance!

K-4 Field Day: On May 31, Grades K through 4 will participate in our fourth annual Field Day. We will serve a picnic lunch of hot dogs around 11:30. After lunch, students will rotate through a variety of fun outdoor activities. We are looking for volunteers to help run each of the activities. If you are unable to help in this way, we are also taking donations of hot dogs and buns, juice boxes, water bottles, chips, popsicles, and cookies.

Please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4eaca92ba6f85-field1#/> to sign up. Thank you!



Preschool Enrollment for 23-24: Bethel Preschool began accepting enrollments for next year's Preschool on Sunday, January 15th. Applications will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Get your application in and get the word out to your family and friends. At this time there are **5 openings in Pre-K4 and 6 openings in Pre-K3.**

Mission Program: Our 4th quarter mission offering will go to the Martin Luther College Student Matching program. Martin Luther College trains and equips young people to become pastors and teachers in our synod. The matching program is a form of student financial aid. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church. The previous week's chapel was not listed in this portion of the newsletter. The amount for that week was \$107.82. Last week's chapel offering was \$60.10. The total for the quarter is \$596.81.

CEA Meeting Spring Meeting: In order to help with planning next year's schedule of events and activities our parent group, the Christian Education Association (CEA), will meet on Sunday, June 4th after church. This group plans projects and activities for our school and is open to both parents and congregation members alike. Please plan to attend the meeting and see how you can help support your school!

MLS Track Meet: Students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to participate in another track meet being held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary tomorrow (May 31st). The MLS meet starts at 11:00 AM. Students will be dismissed at 10:00 AM. Please make sure to arrange transportation to MLS for your child that day.

From Buds to Blooms: Through the end of May, *From Buds to Blooms* will donate 10% of your purchase to Ladies' Aid. If you are planning to plant, please consider helping the Ladies Aid. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Brooks.

Records Day: There will be a half day of school on Thursday, June 1st. Your staff will use the afternoon to finalize report cards and other permanent file reports. Classes will dismiss at noon.

End of Quarter/Report Cards: The 4th quarter of the school year will end on Friday, June 2nd. Report cards will be handed before your child is dismissed for the year. Nothing needs to be returned to school.

Last Day of School: Friday, June 2nd, is the last day of school. Classes will be dismissed for the year after the closing service and awards assembly. That should be about 12:00 noon.

Closing Service: Our school year will close with a special chapel service starting at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 2nd. We hope all of you can attend!

Awards Assembly: Right after the closing service, starting approximately at 11:30 AM, BLS will have its annual awards assembly. During the assembly BLS will recognize all those students who have participated in extracurricular activities.

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: Last week was assignment day for pastors at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. While Good Shepherd did submit a request for a graduate, they did not receive one. Next they will begin calling from the field for their next pastor. Please keep Good Shepherd in your prayers as they seek a new shepherd for their congregation and for Pastor Killinger as he continues to serve them during the vacancy.

Rummage Give-away: This event is returning to the calendar on Friday, June 9th. If you have items you would like to donate you can drop them off starting on June 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Danell.

Birthdays:

May/June

Pastor Killinger - May 29th
Teagan Shorkey - Kindergarten - June 2nd
Eliza Kent - Kindergarten - June 6th
Mia Rupp - Grade 2 - June 9th
Harper Doran - Grade 1 - June 13th
Skylynn Grumbley - PreK-4 - June 20th
Atlas Kerkau - PreK-3 - June 20th
Lincoln MacDonald - PreK-4 - June 25th
Isaac Powers - Grade 4 - June 25th
Dylan Kramer - Kindergarten - June 26th
Oakleigh Ball - PreK-4 - June 26th

July

Rylee Thunberg - Grade 4 - July 8th
Amelia Olvera - Grade 2 - July 15th
Collin Nitz - Grade 6 - July 16th
Lily Shenberger - Kindergarten - July 18
Olivia Rouech - Grade 8 - July 21st
Arya Raushi - Grade 5 - July 21st
Mrs. Friske - July 23rd
Rosalind Greenwood - Kindergarten - July 27th
Robby Raushi - Grade 8 - July 29th
Blake Hartley - Grade 7 - July 31st

August

Max Kowalski - Grade 2 - August 6th
Logan Zube - Grade 8 - August 7th
Ella Szostek - Grade 1 - August 9th
Gavin McGehee - Grade 3 - August 11th
Adam Weiler Jr. - PreK-4 - August 12th
Noah Vernon - PreK-4 - August 13th
Eliza Figley - Grade 6 - August 14th
James Hurley - PreK-3 - August 15th
Ella Killinger - Grade 7 - August 17th
Colton Couturier - PreK-3 - August 30th

Coming Up:

- **5/30 - Grades 3-5 Field Trip to Ford Rouge Factory Tour**
- **5/31 - MLS Track Meet @ MLS (Grades 5-8)**
- **6/01 - ½ Day - Records Day**
- **6/02 - ½ Day - Last Day of School & Awards Day**
- **6/04 - Graduation Sunday (Grades K-8 Sing)
CEA Meeting After Church**
- 6/05 - End of Year Faculty In-Service
- 7/24 - Beginning of Year Faculty In-Service
- 8/02 - Registration Day
- 8/29 - Stop & Drop Night
- 9/05 - First Day of School - ½ Day

Check these out! Did you know our Synod had a variety of family resources? Below are a couple links that include family devotions that can be used at home as well as articles on a variety of parenting and family topics. I pray these resources are helpful to you and your family.

Family Devotions: [Family Devotions – WELS](#)

Forward in Christ Parent Conversations: [Parents – FORWARD IN CHRIST](#)

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CARDINAL CLASSIC 2023

Get ready to hit the greens! The 2023 Cardinal Classic is right around the corner! Join us on Saturday, July 15 at Beech Hollow golf course in Freeland for a fun day of golf. Head over to mls-foundation.org to find out more information.

MLS SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for our 2023 MLS Summer Camps is now open! Our camps emphasize teaching teamwork, fundamentals and skills in a positive, Christian setting. The camp directors see this as an opportunity to use the beautiful facilities of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to work with our synod's youth. Our staff is dedicated to making our camps a positive experience for each camper. NEW THIS YEAR: If you will be registering for more than one camp within the same household we now offer a 15% family discount. Enter the code FAMILY when ordering to receive the discount. You MUST be signed up for multiple camps to use the code. If you use the code and have only signed up for one camp your order will be voided. To register visit www.mlsem.org. Registration ends on June 1, 2023 at 8 am.

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